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Brigadier General Richard Larkin
Defense Attache, Embassy Moscow

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Brigadier General Richard Larkin
Defense Attache, Embassy Moscow

Dear General Larkin,

Bill Hyland of the NSC Staff asked the Soviet leadership watchers in State/INR and CIA to answer several questions of his about what to expect from the leadership situation in the next several years. Attached is the result, which may be of background interest to yourself and the rest of DAO. (I have sent copies separately to the Ambassador and to Bill Brown for POL.)

Replied you have come out of the fire with no worse casualties. Gladly the way to start a town [redacted]

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The Honorable Malcolm Toon
Ambassador, Embassy Moscow

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Bill Hyland of the NSC Staff asked INR and CIA analysts who follow the Soviet leadership to answer several specific questions about what to expect in the next few years. The attached result may be of interest to yourself and Jack Matlock. I have sent Bill Brown a separate copy for POL, but you may wish to circulate this copy to ECON and other appropriate officers or sections.

The Honorable Malcolm Toon
Ambassador, Embassy Moscow

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We are grateful you have come through the fire with no worse, and have so far thought we could best honor your difficult aftermath working conditions by trying to stay out of the way. But if there is any practical help we can provide, please ask. Meanwhile, our moral support.

With best regards.

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Mr. William A. Brown
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Dear Bill,

At the request of Bill Hyland of the NSC Staff, the Soviet leadership watchers in INR and CIA have tried to answer several questions of his about what to expect from Soviet leadership dynamics in the next few years. The result is attached for the use of you and POL officers. (I have sent a separate copy to DAO and one to the Ambassador and Jack, with a suggestion that they eventually circulate theirs to other interested officers/sections.)

You and your battered band are more than ever in our thoughts and concerns since the fire. About the only practical help I can offer, however, is a promise to stay away while you have most of the Embassy sharing spaces with you. Please let me know if there is anything practical we can do.

*Best do all, not forget yourself.
Take care, W. Brown*

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